

AFFIDAVIT FROM SAGAMORE WILLIAM GUY

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Executive Director, The Pokanoket Management Group

I, Sagamore William Guy, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I serve as the Executive Director of The Pokanoket Management Group, a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation and trustee of the Pokanoket Tribe Land Trust. I submit this affidavit in support of our request for a tax abatement for the property identified as Parcel 135-0012-000, located in the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.
2. The Premises, consisting of a multi-family residence on approximately 2.06 acres, are occupied by individuals under a written caretaker lease agreement. This arrangement does not serve a commercial or profit-making purpose. The residence is used exclusively to house designated caretakers who assist the Tribe in fulfilling its historic, cultural, and environmental preservation obligations under the terms of our deed and tax stabilization agreement with the Town of Bristol.
3. The caretakers residing at the Premises are required, as a condition of their occupancy, to perform regular land stewardship duties. These duties include:
 - Routine maintenance of trails, boundaries, and surrounding landscape of entire property beyond the Premises parcel in accordance with traditional Pokanoket practices;
 - Monitoring and reporting of any unauthorized use or ecological disturbance on the land;
 - Preservation and upkeep of the residence and its structures;
 - Participation in erosion control, seasonal environmental maintenance, and protection of archaeological and cultural sites;
 - Routine maintenance of two (2) miles of coastline;
 - Soil remediation and preservation through restoration of agricultural and ecological resources (i.e. farming for sustenance of the Tribe, beekeeping)

These activities are not incidental but are central to our tribal land management practices. The lease explicitly prohibits subletting, commercial activity, or any use of the Premises not directly connected to the preservation of the historic values of the property.

4. The Pokanoket Management Group does not derive any net income from the lease of this parcel. The caretakers may, at most, contribute to utilities or shared upkeep costs, but these payments do not exceed expenses incurred and are not treated as rental income. The arrangement is not commercial in nature and does not produce a profit or surplus.
5. This use is fully aligned with the conservation and historic preservation purpose that forms the basis for the Tribe's eligibility for tax stabilization under R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-3-9(a). The caretakers' occupancy is a critical component of our ability to preserve the ecological, cultural, and historic integrity of the land.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Rhode Island that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 31 day of July, 2025.

Sagamore William Guy
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Executive Director
Pokanoket Management Group

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

Before me, on this day personally appeared, William Guy, proved to me on the oath of or through description of identity card to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this day of 31 July, 2025.

Notary Public My commission expires: 4-12-2026

